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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for numbering peripheral devices mounted on a knitting machine, comprising the steps of:

communicating, on the part of each peripheral device, a universal address belonging to said peripheral device and assigned uniquely during production;

transmitting, on the part of said machine, to each peripheral device, an incremental logic address once reception of said universal addresses has ended;

associating, on the part of a user of the machine, an identification number of each peripheral device to be linked to said logic address;

said automatic numbering of said peripheral devices occurring by communicating directly with the machine over a serial line.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, comprising the additional step of verifying, by said machine, that said identification number assigned by the user to a peripheral device has not been already assigned to another peripheral device.

3. (original) The method according to claim 1, comprising the additional step of assigning, by said user, together with said identification number, one or more elements of said machine to said peripheral device.

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral device is a thread status sensor.

5. (original) The method according claim 1, wherein said peripheral device is a thread feeder.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral device is any device that is present on the machine in more than one unit.